

One Voice for Volusia

Connecting Our Community

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| Start: 7:30 a.m. |
| End: 9:00 a.m. |
| Volunteers: 18 |
| Volunteer Hours: 27 |

Faith Meeting

November 6, 2008, Volusia Room, Daytona Beach International Airport

| Name | Agency |
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| Keirstead, Pete | A Family Church |
| Gregory, Phyllis | Community Life Center |
| Vickers, Charity | Community Life Center |
| Ferro, John | DUNAMIS Community and Outreach Ministries |
| Troxler, David | First Christian Church |
| Ray, Troy | Halifax Urban Ministries |
| Watson, Everett | Kingdom Restoration Ministries |
| Watson, Bridget | Kingdom Restoration Ministries |
| Konczos, Judi | Our Lady of Lourdes |
| Mazzerelli, JoAnne | Our Lady of Lourdes |
| Walsh, Paty | Our Lady of Lourdes |
| Baer, Lex | Presbyterian Counseling Center |
| Champagnie, Dietrich | Putnam County Anti-Drug Coalition |
| Kress, Victoria | Stewart-Marchman-Act Behavioral Health, Inc. |
| Barhoo, Tony | The House Next Door |
| Koehler, Beth | The Salvation Army |
| Rogers, Teresa | Volusia/Flagler Family YMCA |
| Seilkop, Chris | Volusia/Flagler Family YMCA |
| One Voice Staff: | |
| Baird, Carrie Garnett | Executive Director |
| Gedney, Rosemarie | Administrative Coordinator |
| Kennedy, Lynn | Project Director, Community Agenda |
| Schlageter, Deb | Project Director, Coalition |

WELCOME

Ms. Baird welcomed the group and thanked everyone for coming today. Roundtable introductions ensued. Rev. John A. Ferro led the invocation. Attendees enjoyed the breakfast buffet.

REVIEW OF THE AGENDA AND PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING

Ms. Schlageter reviewed the agenda, purpose of the meeting and shared One Voice for Volusia's role in the community over the last 10 years (methodology and handout).

OPEN QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

Members engaged in an open forum regarding their immediate needs and issues:

- Rev. Ray described the services that Halifax Urban Ministries provides; (rent, utility, mortgage assistance, and deposits); he also described their relationships with other organizations as ones that have been nurtured over time by building rapport; he would like to see new relationships created through this connection.
- Ms. Koehler shared The Salvation Army's connection to the community by referring to others, working with the Department of Children and Families, and face-to-face meetings with others.

During the open discussion, the following points were identified in order to maximize resources and output:

- Stop duplicating services to individuals
- It's very hard to stay in touch and know what other churches/service organizations are doing so there is a need to create better communication tools between local churches and services – there are over 100 churches in the Daytona Beach area alone.
- Strengthen all [ministerial] alliances within the community
- Research and possibly present the "Charity Tracker" software to be utilized within the community

The group agreed that the greatest benefit might come from gathering information on pastoral groups, and ministerial associations/memberships to bring them together for face to face meetings. Current identified groups include: Presbyterian Ministers Association, Black Clergy Alliance, West Volusia Ministerial Alliance, Daytona City Church, Pastors Prayer Group, First Assembly of God (has a Pastors luncheon every month), Deltona Ministerial Association, Deltona Spanish Ministerial Association, FAITH, and Port Orange Ministerial Association.

The following suggestions were made in order to effectively reach the area churches/faith community:

- The group discussed the potential of having college/university students conduct a research survey of local faith organizations to gather information from them.
- Use the YMCA who has a collective membership of over 40,000 to get word out to their churches and they sponsor an annual Pastors gathering
- Use One Voice for Volusia members to get word out to their respective churches
- Check with the county/cities to get a list of churches by occupational licenses so no one is left out
- One Stop Center might be able to use volunteers to gather information
- All agreed that contacting pastors directly is not a good idea as they are usually working several jobs and don't have the time to dedicate; contact should be made through the members of the area churches to get the word out.
- We should use any upcoming events in the faith community to increase communication within the members.

The following next steps were identified:

- Identify all churches in the area and what services they provide and proceed through contacts identified today, using the coalition members as the first contact; put information into a collective report
- Set up a follow-up meeting/information regarding the Charity Tracker tool/resource
- Today's attendees agreed to serve as guides with this project in moving forward
- Communication will be conducted via email and everyone agreed to share their contact information within the group.

The results of the meeting critiques were:

- 10 responded that the meeting was productive
- 1 responded that it was O.K., but feel it could be improved

What I liked about the meeting was:

- Great!
- An opportunity to hear how large/urban communities organize their faith based members to collaborate
- Stayed on track and on time
- Strategizing to connect the various segments of the faith community to be more productive
- Networking
- A great first meeting
- Sharing
- Everything
- Opening doors of cooperation

Future Work/Exploration:

- Available to serve
- Use the YMCA for future projects – not sure how – but we are open to ideas
- Create a calendar of events at each church location

Other Comments:

- You gals are great as usual
- I think you can play a huge role in helping smaller churches/faith groups learn how to work with each other and share information
- 1st time meeting – thank you
- Thank you!
- It is about relationships and working together